

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 105.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, December 3, 1861.

The following orders have been received from the Secretary of War :

I.—No more regiments, batteries, or independent companies will be raised by the Governors of States, except upon the special requisition of the War Department.

Those now forming in the various States will be completed, under direction of the respective Governors thereof, unless it be deemed more advantageous to the service to assign the men already raised to regiments, batteries, or independent companies now in the field, in order to fill up their organizations to the maximum standard prescribed by law.

II.—The Recruiting Service in the various States for the Volunteer forces already in service, and for those that may hereafter be received, is placed under charge of General Superintendents for those States, respectively, with general depôts for the collection and instruction of recruits, as follows, viz :

- Maine.—Major J. W. T. Gardiner, U. S. A., Augusta.
- Vermont.—Lieut. Colonel Gouverneur Morris, U. S. A., Burlington.
- New Hampshire.—Lieut. Colonel Seth Eastman, 1st Inf., Concord.
- Massachusetts.—Lieut. Colonel H. Day, 2d Infantry, Cambridge.
- Rhode Island.—Captain William Silvey, 1st Artillery, Providence.
- Connecticut.—Colonel William Gates, 3d Artillery, Fort Trumbull.
- New York.—Major J. T. Sprague, 1st Infantry, Elmira and Albany.
- New Jersey.—Colonel J. L. Gardner, U. S. A., Trenton.
- Pennsylvania.—Captain R. I. Dodge, 8th Infantry, Harrisburg.
- Delaware.—Major H. B. Judd, U. S. A., Wilmington.
- Maryland.—Lieut. Colonel F. O. Wyse, 4th Artillery, Annapolis.
- Virginia.—Major W. I. Newton, U. S. A., Wheeling.
- Ohio.—Major N. C. Macrae, U. S. A., Camp Chase, Columbus.
- Kentucky.—Major W. H. Sidell, 15th Infantry, Louisville.
- Indiana.—Colonel J. S. Simonson, U. S. A., Indianapolis.
- Illinois.—Colonel P. Morrison, 8th Infantry, Springfield.

- Michigan.—Lieut. Colonel E. Backus, 3d Infantry, Detroit.
- Wisconsin.—Major R. S. Smith, 12th Infantry, Madison.
- Minnesota.—Captain A. D. Nelson, 10th Infantry, Fort Snelling.
- Iowa.—Captain H. B. Hendershott, 2d Artillery, Davenport.
- Missouri.—Colonel B. L. E. Bonneville, U. S. A., Jefferson Barracks.
- Kansas.—Comm'g Officer of Fort Leavenworth, Fort Leavenworth.

The Superintendents detailed will take charge of the Recruiting service, in the various states to which they are assigned, on the 1st day of January, 1862. They will take post at their general depôts, which will be under their immediate command. The Superintendent for the State of New York will take post at Albany. Upon the requisition of the Superintendents a suitable number of Volunteer officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates will be detailed for duty in the Staff departments and as drill masters at the respective depôts.

A Disbursing Officer of the fund for "collecting, drilling, and organizing volunteers" will be assigned to each depôt, and will be under the direction of the Superintendent.

III.—Commanding officers of Regiments will detail two commissioned officers, with four non-commissioned officers or privates, to report in person to the Superintendents of the Recruiting Service for their respective States, on the 1st day of January, 1862, or as soon thereafter as practicable. These officers and non-commissioned officers will be detailed for a tour of six months, and will be assigned as recruiting parties to rendezvous by the Superintendents; if found incompetent they will be relieved and replaced by others.

IV.—The Superintendents will establish the rendezvous, and so arrange for the rent, subsistence of recruits, and other expenses, that the charges may be reasonable, and that the bills therefor may be certified to by the recruiting officers in charge, and presented for payment to the Disbursing Officers at the General Depôts.

V.—Enlistments of volunteers will be made upon printed forms, to be furnished for the purpose similar to those established for the regular service. They will in all cases be made in duplicate.

VI.—Recruits will be sent, as often as may be necessary, in small squads, to the general depôts, with a descriptive list and duplicate en-

listments of each man. The descriptive list will be examined, and if correct, will be filed with the records of the depôt. One copy of each enlistment will be delivered to the Disbursing Officer to assist him in the examination and verification of accounts, and will be sent with those accounts at the end of each quarter to the Adjutant General of the Army at Washington. The duplicate enlistments will be sent by the Superintendent to the Adjutant General of the Army, with a consolidated return of the recruiting parties for the month, on the first day of the succeeding month, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

VII.--Recruiting officers will send to the Superintendents a return of their recruiting parties for each month on the first day of the succeeding month. They will also make tri-monthly reports of the state of the recruiting service to the Superintendent, and the Superintendent will forward a consolidated tri-monthly report to the Adjutant General of the Army.

VIII.--Superintendents will keep their depôts supplied with sufficient clothing for issues to recruits, and with the arms necessary for their instruction.

IX.--All other details will be conducted in the manner prescribed in the Regulations for the Recruiting Service of the Regular Army.

X.--Commanders of Volunteer Regiments, Batteries, or independent companies requiring recruits, will make requisitions, approved by the commanding officers of their brigades, divisions, and departments, or corps d'armée, direct on the Superintendents of the Recruiting Service for their respective States, who will furnish the necessary men, forwarding a descriptive list with them. Certified copies of this descriptive list will be forwarded at the same time to the Adjutant General of the Army, and to the Adjutant General of the State.

XI.--Volunteer officers now on the recruiting service will be relieved on the 1st day of January, 1862, and sent to join their regiments, unless directed to report to the Superintendents in their respective States.

XII.--After the 1st day of January, 1862, volunteers will be mustered for pay upon the same form of rolls as those used for the regular service.

XIII... Commanding officers of Volunteer Regiments numbering less than the maximum organization fixed by law, will immediately report to this office the present state of their commands, in order that the Governors of the several States may be called upon to fill up their respective regiments to the standard prescribed.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McCLELLAN :

I., THOMAS,
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL :

Assistant Adjutant General.